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Summary of the August 1961 Monthly Narrative Report

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WEATHER:	Varied. Snow on the 16th and 24th. Maximum 67°, minimum 21°. Precipitation 1.63 inches.	1
TRAVEL:	9 per cent above 1961. Visitors 441,065.	1
SPECIAL VISITORS:	Listed	1-2
FOREIGN VISITORS:	Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Lawrence of Australia; 30 French teachers; J. Leonard Dempre, Canada; [illegible] Trainee Wollerbaum de Wet and Sonntag of Union of South Africa; [illegible] Carrier from New Delhi, India.	2
INSPECTIONS:	Bressler and Richardson, WODC, in on construction projects August 17-20 and 24-25; Hunt and Frost, NPR in August 18 and 23; Carlson, WASO, and Barrett, Region Two, in August 10-11 on forestry matters; Egan and Cando, Public Health Service, water inspection; Foster, Auditor WASO in August [illegible]; Coleman, WASO, and Willett, sanitation inspections August 17 and 17; Good, WASO, inspection audio-visual equipment August 16-23; [illegible], August [illegible]; Banks, August 17; George, August 25; Gibson, August 3.	3
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Asst. Supt. and Ranger Haas with Yellowstone Riders August 13; Chief Naturalist McIntyre with Yellowstone Riders August 5-15; Kittens and [illegible]. Photos of 30-year naturalists; Carter and [illegible], Hans Montagne on [illegible]; Vestly Griswold, [illegible], [illegible] 9; NPS Student Conservation group in August [illegible]; McFadden, WODC, on Lake-Air contract; Park speaks to Conservation Group from California August [illegible]; Pageant "Birth of Yellowstone" August 23; Lower Fall Mess closed; Supt. attends memorial services at Hebgen Lake, August 17; earthquake commemorative programs August 17; staff meetings August [illegible] and 16, School Board meeting, August 3; Second and third summer luncheons for Park Service women, August 1 and 16; management review team in; [illegible] attended FBI School at Thermopolis, August 3-4 and Sheriffs' & Peace Officers' meeting August 25-27; Wilson George, WASO, in August 25-28 on concessions;	

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	Retirement of Ludwik Filch; population census, August 8-11-13; Millionth visitor entered Aug. 12	3-4-5
PERSONNEL:	James W. Mardis, transferred out, Aug. 20; Marlie H. Bouland transferred in, Aug. 25; John H. Clay, Asst. Personnel Officer, transferred in August 22; Carole D. Martin, KTD from furlough, August 26, Mail & Files Clerk; Payroll Supervisor position raised to GS-7, August 4; Civil Service examinations.	6
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Law Enforcement Training School, Nov. 14-16.	6
MARRIAGES:	Curran and Gastellum.	6
BIRTHS:	Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Delmar G. Peterson, OPS; Son to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Hartmann, YPCo.	6
DEATHS:	1 YPCo. employee; 5 visitors.	6-7
LAKE ZONING:	Public hearings: Cody, August 22; Lake Hotel, August 24; Idaho Falls, August 26.	7
MISCELLANEOUS:	APGE regular monthly meeting; Gift presented to Mardis; Eliot Davis to Grand Portage; school opened August 29; 3 new teachers.	7
PUBLICITY:	Weekly News issued; five press releases issued.	7
RELIGIOUS & CHAPEL USE:	Services for all faiths held during month.	8
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	West Yellowstone program terminated August 6; special campfire programs; new narrative audio-visual program; 48 slides.	8
RESEARCH & OBSERVATION:	5 collecting permits issued; Sandhill cranes observed, August 30; Sapphire Geyser active August 7-15; Grand Geyser-3 eruptions.	8
CONCESSIONERS:	Regular monthly meeting August 4; closing dates meeting, August 6; operations closed during month.	8
MAINTENANCE:	Road over Dunraven Pass; new Firehole picnic area opened.	8
PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE:	Ranger Office moved.	9

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LAW ENFORCEMENT:	23 cases heard; fines of $660.	9
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Five building fires; famous old Canyon Hotel burned.	9
FORESTRY:	Fifty-six per cent power line cleanup; danger tree removal completed.	9
INSECT AND TREE DISEASE:	1962 estimates submitted; aerial flight with U.S. Forest Service made over insect infested areas.	9
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	15 fires during August; smokejumpers on 3 fires; 27 airplane flights made; work started on new fire station.	9
WILDLIFE & FISH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:	20,000 Grayling fries stocked in Ice Lake.	9
HORNED OWL:	Observed August 14 at Lower Nez Perce.	9
PELICANS:	Ten seen flying over Old Faithful area.	9
ELK:	Elk moving down from higher elevations.	10
BISON:	Cooler weather causes bison to move to lower elevations.	10
BIGHORN SHEEP:	15 head of sheep observed on August 20.	10
TRUMPETER SWAN:	Trumpeter swan moved to ponds in Junction Butte.	10
GRIZZLY BEARS:	Observed at Gardiner dump.	10
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:	Listed	11-13
BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD:	Attached	

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September 22, 1960

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for August 1960

General

Weather. Temperatures and weather conditions were varied during the month. Dunraven Pass and Beartooth Highway were closed for short periods due to snowstorms. It snowed in the Park on August 16. All lookout stations reported snow and there was two inches of snow at the Ranger Station at Lake. West Yellowstone did not report any snow. On August 23 there was 14 inches of snow on the ground at Mount Holmes Lookout. At Lamar on the 29th the temperature was 15 degrees. The warmest temperature at headquarters was 87 degrees on August 10, and minimum was 29 degrees on the 29th. Precipitation was 1.68 inches.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel figures continued to show a decrease under those of last year. Visitors entering the Park totaled 449,065, as against 411,518 last August, an increase of nine per cent. This gain is reflected in part to there being no travel through the West Gate from August 17 through the 30th due to the earthquake. Registered visitors for the year including August 31, were 1,261,442, as against 1,298,329 in 1959, a loss of 2.8 per cent. The decrease may be attributed to schools starting earlier than usual, in many areas on August 25.

Special Visitors. Mr. Craig Hoppe, Administrative Assistant to Congressman James Wright of Texas, accompanied by his wife and two children, arrived at Canyon Village the 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips of Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, arrived on the 17th to meet members of staff whose sons may be interested in Phillips Exeter.

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Rev. Duane Murphy, who was the resident minister in Yellowstone a few years ago, visited the Park with a group of boys. Rev. Murphy has been appointed Assistant to the Rev. Warren W. Ost, a Christian Ministry in the National Parks, and will be stationed in New York City.

Miss Marie M. Augspurger, author of the book "Yellowstone National Park" visited the Park during the week of August 4.

John Rohn and family, from Region Two Office, formerly a ranger at Yellowstone spent three days as guests in Yellowstone.

Mr. Bruce Kilgore was in the Park August 20-23. Mr. Kilgore is editor of the Sierra Club Bulletin.

Mr. Even Krogh, with his wife and young daughter, spent the week of August 22 in the Park. Mr. Krough is on the staff of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Captain John Yesulaitis, U.S. Air Force Band, was in the Park on August 26 and stayed at Lake.

Foreign Visitors. Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Lawrence, Chairman, Forest Commission, Victoria, Australia, and Member, National Park Authority of Australia arrived August 17. Mr. Lawrence is interested in Park operations.

A group of 20 teachers from France arrived at Lake Hotel on August 17. These teachers are touring the United States under the auspices of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

J. Leonard Beaupre, Chairman of the Board, Board of Park Management, City of Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada, arrived at headquarters on the 16th.

Winfrid Hollerbach, German Trainee, arrived August 17 for a visit in Yellowstone. He is interested in Park administration.

Mr. Daniel de Wet, Secretary of Forestry, Union of South Africa, Mrs. de Wet and Mr. Albert Sonntag, Assistant Chief of Forest Management for the Union, visited the Park August 14-15-16. The de Wets and Mr. Sonntag were enroute to the Fifth World Forestry Congress in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. G. P. Warrier, Eisenhower Exchange Fellow from New Delhi, India, Ministry of Railways, Government of India, was in the Park August 11 and 12.

Mrs. Susan Murphy, who was the president selection in Pallanzone's for years ago, without the fact that a group of locals, Mrs. Murphy has been appointed director in the Mr. Tarrio's. Mrs. a distinguished industry in the National Farm, and will be welcome in the for Corp.

Miss Marie H. Augustyn, worker at the book "Pallanzone Library Fair" raised the first during the week of August 4.

Mrs. Mrs. and Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. the office, Mrs. Mrs. a member of Pallanzone spent three days as guests in Pallanzone.

Mr. Jesse Edgar was in the Park August 10-11. Mr. Edgar is editor of the Tarrio Club Bulletin.

Mr. Ernest Lodge, with his wife and young daughter, spent the week of August 21 in the Park. Mr. Lodge is on the staff of the Laboratory of the Department of the Interior.

Captain John Verplanck, U.S.N. his home town, was in his town on August 25 and moved at Lake.

Prentice Pillsbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lawrence, Clarence, Donald Cunningham, Victoria, Australia, and Mrs. Gallard Lane Pillsbury of Pittsfield spent August 17. Mr. Lawrence is Consultant in Tax operations.

A party of 20 members from Tarrio arrived on July 31 or August 17. These members are touring the United States under the auspices of the Department of Health, Recreation and Welfare.

A. Leonard Bowers, Chairman of the Board, Board of Park Commissioners City of Fox Island, Tarrio, Canada, arrived on September 20 for the Tarrio.

Vladimir Malenkov, Russian Tailors, arrived August 17 for a visit to Pallanzone. He is interested in Park administration.

Mr. Jacob de Ser, Secretary of Treasury, Dutch Tarrio, Office, Mr. Mr. Mr. and Mr. Albert Bowles, Assistant Chief of Tarrio Department for the Tarrio, visited the Park August 3-4-5. Mr. Mr. Mr. and Mr. Fanning were members of the Fifth World Leisure Congress in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. A. V. Dorpius, Dimmelmeer Tarrio Tailor Club in Tarrio, Lake, Minister of Railways, President of Tarrio, was in the Park August 23 and 24.

Inspections. Mr. Donald L. Bressler, Supervisory Highway Engineer, WODC, was in August 24 and 25 to review current and future minor road projects. Mr. William H. Richardson, Safety Engineer, WODC, was in August 17 through 20th to inspect current construction projects.

On August 18, Mr. Charles W. Hunt of the Bureau of Public Roads, Denver, Colorado, was at Lake; on the 23rd Mr. Robert Frost, Bridge Engineer, Denver, was in the Park.

Chief Forester, Sture T. Carlson, Washington Office and Maynard Barrows, Forester, Region Two, were in the Park August 10 and 11 discussing forest protection matters.

Mr. James Egan and Mr. Larry Gazda, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, departed from the Park August 12th after completing investigation of reported pollution of the Yellowstone River.

William R. Foster, Chief Auditor, National Park Service, Washington, in the Park on official business August 2-5.

Several sanitation inspections were made by Sanitarian Willett in the Tower Fall area of all establishments which handle food; a sanitation inspection was made of all establishments in the Canyon area on the 17th; and a spot check was made in the Mammoth area on August 17. On August 27 an inspection of all eating establishments in the Mammoth area was made by Messrs. Willett and Coleman.

Mr. Kozel, Electronics Expert from the Washington Office was in the Park August 26-29 and inspected the audio-visual equipment at Canyon Visitor Center.

The following personnel made official visits to the Park during the month: Coleman Newman, Biologist, WASO, August 2; Allyn F. Hanks, Chief of Visitor Protection, WASO, August 17; Wilson O. George, Chief of Contracts Section, WASO, August 25; William R. Foster, Chief Auditor, WASO, August 2; Walter H. Rittame, Regional Research Biologist, August 3.

Special Activities. Assistant Superintendent Castellum was accompanied by Ranger Muss on a horseback trip up Slough Creek August 12 to meet a group of Wilderness Riders outside the Park and return with them to the Lower Slough Creek on the 13th.

Chief Park Naturalist McIntyre accompanied the Trail Riders of the Wilderness through the western part of the Park, including the Thorofare area from August 8 through 13th.

Regional Biologist Walter H. Kittams accompanied Park Biologist Robert E. Rowe to Montana State College in Bozeman and introduced him to the U. S. Forest Service, Montana Fish and Game Department personnel.

Photographs were made on August 4 of the five thirty-year naturalists for publication in the COURIER. They are Herbert T. Lystrup, Merrill D. Beal, Wayne F. Replogle, George D. Marler, and Lowell G. Biddulph.

Park Naturalist (Geologist) George D. Marler, accompanied by Dr. John Montagne of Montana State College, appeared on a Continental Oil Company TV program August 8 in Billings, Montana.

Mr. Westly Griswold, writer for Popular Science Monthly and Outdoor Life, was in the Park on August 9, gathering material for an article on the grizzly bear study.

The National Parks Association Student Conservation Program Field Trip group, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Albert Nelson, was in the Park August 8 and 9.

National Park Service personnel met with Ralph McFadden of WOPC and representatives of Land-Air Radio, Inc., on the procedures to conclude the Land-Air contract.

Mr. Lennart Y. Berg, Management Assistant to the Chief Ranger, gave a talk to a group of North American School of Conservation of Covina, California on August 4.

A pageant reenacting the Washburn-Langford-Doane Expedition campfire of September 19, 1870, and depicting the birth of the National Park idea, was presented on August 25, the anniversary of the National Park Service, at Madison Junction. About 900 attended.

The National Park Service mess at Tower Fall closed August 19.

Superintendent Garrison attended the memorial service at Hebgen Lake slide on August 17 for those who lost their lives last year as a result of the earthquake.

Special earthquake commemorative programs were held in the Park at West Thumb and Fishing Bridge on August 17.

Superintendent's staff meetings were held August 2 and 14.

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The Yellowstone Park School Board met August 3 at the school.

The second of the Summer Luncheons for all Park Service women, both seasonal and permanent, was held at Lake Hotel on August 2 at 12:45 p.m. Mrs. Wirth was a guest of honor at this luncheon. The third and last of the Summer Luncheons was held at Old Faithful Inn on August 16.

A Management Review team consisting of George F. Baggley, Chief of Operations; Matthew E. Beatty, Chief of Interpretation; Frank W. Childs, Chief, Division of Ranger Activities; and Edwin D. Alberts, Naturalist, all of Region Two, made a study of the district management organization.

Law Enforcement Officer, Howard G. Chapman, attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation firearms school at Thermopolis on August 3 and 4, and the Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' annual meeting at Havre, Montana, on August 25-27.

Wilson George, Chief of Contracts Section, Branch of Concession Management, Washington Office, was in the Park August 23 through 28. He visited concessioner facilities at Old Faithful, West Thumb, Lake, Fishing Bridge, Canyon Village and Roosevelt with Lawrence Hadley and others of the Park staff. On Saturday, the 27th, Messrs. George and Hadley inspected the Hamilton Stores, Inc., warehouse at West Yellowstone.

Superintendent Garrison presented Ludwik Filch with a retirement gift at the staff meeting on August 9. Mr. Filch was cited for 28 years of commendable service with the National Park Service, all spent at Yellowstone. The citation was accompanied by a certificate, bronze medal and lapel pin, and a Department of the Interior Lifetime Pass.

A population census taken in the Park on August 8, 11 and 13 showed an average of 17,597 people in the Park for the three days as against 19,346 last year. Of the 17,597 average, 1,050 stayed in the hotels, 2,212 in the lodges, 3,427 in the campers cabins, 6,731 in the campgrounds, while the National Park Service had 1,213 employees, the concessioners 2,543 employees, and the contractors and other agencies 414 employees, a total of 4,170 employees and 17,597 visitors.

The Millionth Visitor for 1960 entered the Park on August 11, which is five days later than the millionth visitor entry in 1959. The millionth visitor entered in 1958 on August 13, for 1957 on August 6 and in 1956 on the 12th.

Administration

Personnel. John H. Clay, Jr., GS-9, Assistant Personnel Officer, entered on duty August 22.

Mrs. Carole B. Martin, returned to duty from furlough, August 20, as Mail and Files Clerk.

James H. Hardis, Accounting Technician, GS-9, transferred to Zion National Park, August 20.

Harlie M. Bouland transferred in from Sequoia National Park, August 25 as Accounting Technician, GS-7.

The Time, Leave & Payroll Supervisor position was raised from Grade GS-5 to Grade GS-7, effective August 4. This position is occupied by Edwin H. Chamberlin.

Civil Service examinations were conducted for four Clerk-Typists and one Accounting Clerk.

In-Service Training. Tentative dates for the Law Enforcement Training school to be held in the Park have been set for November 14-18.

Weddings. The Yellowstone Park Chapel was the setting for a beautiful wedding August 20 when Marie Gastellum and W. Edward Curran were married. Father Penny from Cody celebrated the Nuptial Mass at 9 a.m.

Births. A son Clifford, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Hartmann, August 27 at Mammoth. Yellowstone Park Company employee.

A daughter, Sonja Karin, to Mr. and Mrs. Delmar C. Peterson, Mammoth Hospital, August 28. Weight 6 lbs., 14 ozs. Ranger Peterson is stationed at Old Faithful.

Deaths. John A. Fix, 1035 South Citrus Avenue, Los Angeles, age 45 years, died August 3 from a heart attack in the kitchen at Canyon Village. An employee of Yellowstone Park Company. Gurnett Funeral Home, Livingston, handled arrangements.

Ingwald Baeeth, 70, a visitor from 1366 Sheldon Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, died of a heart attack, August 3, while gathering fire wood near Fishing Bridge. Franzen Mortuary, Livingston, handled funeral arrangements.

Stanley Kuras, 53, a visitor from 3678 South 15th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died August 4 from coronary thrombosis at Lake Hotel. Franzen Mortuary handled funeral arrangements.

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[illegible], John H. Clay, Jr., USAF, a student [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Lt. Donald M. Martin, formerly of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Jerry G. Martin, formerly [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Lansing [illegible].

Robert G. Nolan transferred to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The Navy issued a Special Serviceman [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jack LaVare, 54, died August 18 at Pelican Creek. Burial in Everett, Washington. Mr. LaVare was a visitor.

Robert H. Eikin, Jr., 43, Buena Park, California. Found in car on road to Gardiner with gunshot wound through chest, a suicide, on August 14. Mr. Eikin was a visitor.

James T. McDowell, 88, August 21, Mammoth Hospital from coronary thrombosis. A visitor.

Lake Zoning. The week of August 22 was devoted to public hearings on the proposed Yellowstone Lake zoning. The first hearing was held in Cody on August 23; at Lake Hotel on the 24th; and in Idaho Falls on August 26. Director Wirth was designated by the Secretary of the Interior to preside at the hearings. A total of 72 witnesses testified at the hearings. Thirty-one witnesses spoke in opposition to proposed regulations; forty-one witnesses testified in favor of the Service's plan for future public use of Yellowstone Lake. The record will be held open until September 30 so that additional statements for or against the proposed regulations may be filed. The record will then be submitted to the Secretary for consideration and final decision.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held August 8.

Superintendent Carrison presented James Mardis a gift from the community at a get-together of the Coffee Klub on the 19th.

District Ranger and Mrs. Elliot Davis departed from the Park August 28 for Grand Portage, Minnesota. Mr. Davis will be the first Superintendent of the newly established Grand Portage National Monument.

The Yellowstone Park School and the Gardiner schools opened August 29 this year. The three new teachers at the Yellowstone Park School are Richard K. Higel, Principal and fifth and sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Lucille Foreman, third and fourth grade teacher, and Miss Marian Carpenter, first and second grade teacher.

Cooperative Activities

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of Park happenings.

There were five press releases issued during August: one on travel; one on Canyon Hotel fire; two on Yellowstone Pageant; one on bears.

Religious and Chapel Use. Services for all faiths were held during the month throughout the Park, as scheduled.

Interpretive Services. The West Yellowstone City Park Program was terminated on August 6.

The Protective Division personnel conducted special campfire programs at Canyon, Tower Fall, Fishing Bridge, West Thumb and Old Faithful stations during the month.

A completely new narrative for the audio-visual program, with a complete set of 48 slides, has been given to Acting North District Manager John M. Good.

Research and Observation. Five collecting permits were issued during the month.

A flock of twelve sandhill cranes was observed August 31 in the Pelican meadows.

Sapphire Geyser was unusually active during the period August 7 through 15th. It erupted each day on an average of 20-minute intervals.

Grand Geyser erupted three times during the month.

Concessioners. Superintendent Garrison met with the Park concessioners at their regular monthly meeting at Old Faithful Inn on August 4. Mr. A. Clark Stratton, Chief of Concessions Management, Washington Office, attended this meeting.

Another concessioner meeting was held in the Superintendent's Office on the 6th to discuss closing dates. Mr. Stratton also attended this meeting.

The following accommodations and services furnished by the Yellowstone Park Company were closed for the season during August: Cookouts at Roosevelt Lodge, August 29; Roosevelt Lodge after breakfast on August 30; Lake Lodge after breakfast on August 30; Campers Cabins at Lake, August 30; and Mount Washburn trips, August 31.

Maintenance. A section of roadway, 4-1/4 miles in length, over Dunraven Pass has been half soled.

The new Firehole picnic area at the south end of the Firehole Canyon was opened to public use.

Protection and Ranger Service. The Ranger Office was moved into the Administration Building and the old Ranger Office building is now occupied by North District personnel.

Law Enforcement. During the month, 23 cases were brought before the U. S. Commissioner. Fines totaled $660, plus $20 in settlement of a case held over from July.

Building Fire Protection. Five building fires were reported during August. The famous Old Canyon Hotel burned to the ground on the night of the 8th. About 11:00 p.m. a resident reported the fire and investigation revealed the building was on fire. Fire trucks were sent out from headquarters and quick and effective action prevented extensive damage to the surroundings. As some fire spread into vegetation, it was classed as a forest fire.

Forestry. Approximately 56 per cent of the power line cleanup and danger tree removal work was completed by the end of the month.

Insect and Tree Disease. The 1962 estimates were submitted and the first period apportionments revised and submitted.

On the 18th an aerial flight was made over the Park with a U. S. Forest Service representative to spot and map insect infested areas. Inspections were made of the White Bark Pine area on Washburn, spruce budworm area, and Carnelian Creek area.

Forest Fire Protection. Fifteen fires occurred during August. The total for the year to date is 51. The largest fire during the month was at Clear Creek on August 4, and covered 120 acres.

Smokejumpers were dropped on three fires. Twenty-seven airplane flights were made during the month.

Work has started on insulation of the walls and ceilings of the section of the barn that is to become the new Fire Station. Wanted work space is to be provided for the Fire Cache personnel.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. The Park Service made arrangements with the U. S. Fish Hatchery at Ennis for stocking 20,000 Grayling fries in Ice Lake on August 4.

HORNED OWL. A great horned owl was observed at Lower Gas Force on the 14th.

PELICANS. Ten pelicans were seen flying over the Old Faithful area. This is the first time Pelicans have been reported in this area.

ELK. Elk are starting to move down from the higher elevations. Small bands have been observed on Mt. Washburn.

BISON. The cooler weather has started the bison on the move to lower elevations. They have been seen near Bog Ferne and Fountain Flats.

BIGHORN SHEEP. On Mt. Washburn, 13 head of sheep were observed on August 20.

TRUMPETER SWAN. The trumpeter swan, which were on the Floating Island Lake for most of the summer, moved to the ponds in the vicinity of Junction Butte.

GRIZZLY BEARS. On August 25, 11 grizzly bears were reported at the Gardiner Dump. The Grizzly Bear Study group have set traps at Gardiner and caught and tagged four grizzly bears.

Contracts. One contract was awarded in August:

Acton Construction Company St. Paul, Minnesota	$183,273	Sewage Treatment Plant at Grant Village

Another final inspection of the utility lines construction in Cabin Area B at Canyon was held on July 29 and this time we refused to accept the work because of the many deviations in construction from the plans and specifications, especially in the construction of sewer manholes, valve boxes, and lateral distribution lines for water. The contractor, Studer Construction Company, has been ordered by the Project Supervisor to correct and complete the work. It appears likely that the contractor will make claim against us for the cost of this work, claiming that he followed explicit instructions of the Construction Representative then on the job.

A final inspection was held on August 4 for the construction of bridges on the Gibbon and Lewis Rivers and the work was accepted. These bridges were built by Cop Construction Company under BPR supervision.

Projects on which work went well were:

Construction of apartments and dormitory-messhall at Madison Junction and comfort stations at Grant Village--Teller Construction Company may complete these by October 1.

Repair of Warehouse roof--Reed Nielsen is ready to place tile.

Repair of rock walls by McLaughlin--work has gone slowly but appears to be well done.

Construction of bridge and approaches at Bridge Bay--Charles M. Smith has progressed rapidly on this BPR job and may have the bridge in service when needed in October.

Relocation of road at Madison Junction and construction of Gibbon River Bridge--Taggart has done well although we continue to doubt that he can make his schedule of completion this fall except for surfacing.

Construction of service roads by Brush started slowly but is moving along now.

The construction of water and sewer systems by Northwest Construction Company at West Entrance and Nelson Brothers at Madison progressed slowly but steadily. However, the Nelson Brothers project for construction of the seasonal apartments at Mammoth and comfort stations at Madison Junction has started very slowly with only the concrete foundations completed to date.

Considerable difficulty was experienced with Studer Construction Company in addition to the refusal of work in Cabin Area B previously mentioned. The contract with him for production of aggregate for Grant Village roads

was signed only last week after steps were started to take the bid bond. His project for construction of the campground roads went slowly and we are becoming apprehensive that he will interfere greatly with Kloepfer Construction Company on construction of the water and sewer lines in Grant Village. Fortunately he has subcontracted the construction of the seawall to Cop Construction Company, a very good firm, and they have started construction.

The stabilization of the slide area on the North Entrance Road has gone slowly and the contractor has been on penalty time since early July. Nelson Brothers have filed two formal protests and claims. In the first they claim additional compensation and time because of an alleged change in the sequence of work by the BPR Project Engineer. In the second claim they protest unsafe working conditions because of the manner of work prescribed by the engineer. The Bureau of Public Roads has denied both claims and it appears likely that Nelson Brothers will appeal the first one.

Conferences and Meetings: The Yellowstone Park Company sponsored a conference at Canyon Village on July 28 and 29 for the purpose of investigating ways and means of constructing cabins for visitor use which would be cheap enough to justify reasonable rental rates and at the same time meet National Park Service standards. Director Wirth, Chief of Design and Construction Vint, Regional Director Baker, Chief of WODC Hill, and Superintendent Garrison appeared on the program. A number of manufacturers of prefabricated and precut buildings, trailer manufacturers, and dealers of other construction materials appeared and the Rushmore Mobile Homes demonstrated one of their trailer-type motel units. We hope that the conference will result in early construction of more units by the concessioners.

Lemuel A. Garrison
Superintendent

In triplicate

Attachments

Copy to: Region Two